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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

"ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Noninvasive methods and apparatus for monitoring at least one hair characteristic on a human or animal comprise magnifying a predetermined skin area having reference indicia to provide a first magnified image, ~~digitally capturing the first magnified image to form a reference image, a~~ After a predetermined time period, ~~magnifying the~~ predetermined skin area is magnified again to provide a second magnified image, ~~and superimposing the second magnified image on the reference image to align the reference indicia in the second magnified image with the reference indicia in the reference image.~~ ~~Apparatus for noninvasive monitoring of at least one hair characteristic on a human or animal comprise a fiber optic remote head microscope, means for digitally capturing a first magnified image provided by the microscope to form a reference image, and means for superimposing a second magnified image provided by the microscope on the reference image and aligning reference indicia in the second magnified image with reference indicia in the reference image.~~ The reference indicium allows for successive monitoring of the same area."

Please see a replacement abstract on the attached separate sheet.